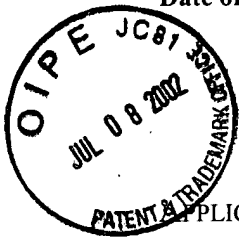


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APPLICANTS : Shimkets *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/715,417 EXAMINER : R. Hutson
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FOR : NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 12, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Friday, July 12, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. If additional fees are due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-606). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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